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1. SUDANESE EMBOFF STATED ETHIOPIANS WORKING VIGOROUSLY FOR RESUSCITATION OF BILATERAL CONSULTATIVE MINISTERIAL COMMISSION (CMC) AND ARE URGING MEETING IN KHARTOUM AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL IN EARLY FEBRUARY PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 13 OAU MEETING IN TRIPOLI. ETHIOPIANS ARE PREPARED TO SEND FONMIN, MINISTER OF INTERIOR, WHO RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION, AND POSSIBLY MINISTER OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS. SUDAN EMBASSY HERE HAS RECOMMENDED IN FAVOR OF CMC MEETING AND BELIEVES KHARTOUM WILL AGREE. SUDAN EMBOFF STATED STRONG INITIATIVE COMING FROM ETHIOPIANS ENCOURAGING TO SUDAN. MAJOR ISSUE OF CONCERN TO ETHIOPIANS IS ERITREA, AS DISSIDENT ETHIOPIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION (EDU) NOT CONSIDERED SIGNIFICANT THREAT AT THIS TIME.

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2. ON SUDANESE EFFORTS TO PROMOTE NEGOTIATIONS ON ERITREA, SUDANESE EMBOFF SAID LITTLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE SINCE OCTOBER MEETING IN KHARTOUM BETWEEN ERITREAN FACTIONS. HOWEVER, HE SAID SUDAN WOULD CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR UNITY AMONG ERITREANS AND THEN ATTEMPT TO CONVINCE THEM AND ETHIOPIANS TO NEGOTIATE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. SUDANESE

EMBOFF ADDED THAT GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (GDR) EMBASSY IN KHARTOUM ALSO MAKING MAJOR EFFORT TO CONVINCE ERITREANS, SOMETIMES THROUGH SUDANESE COMMUNIST PARTY, BUT MORE FREQUENTLY THROUGH DIRECT CONTACTS, TO SEEK A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WITH ETHIOPIANS. ARGUMENT USED BY GDR IS IDEOLOGICAL ONE TO ACHIEVE ACCOMMODATION WITH SOCIALIST BROTHERS.

3. COMMENT: SUDANESE BELIEVE ETHIOPIAN INITIATIVES TO IMPROVE FORMERLY STRAINED RELATIONS SINCERE. ETHIOPIAN MEDIA HAS REFRAINED FROM ANY ATTACKS ON SUDAN OR NIMEIRY AND HAVE DROPPED PREVIOUS LINKAGE BETWEEN SIAD BARRE AND NIMEIRY. HOWEVER, SUDANESE CAREFULLY MONITORING SITUATION IN DISSIDENT ANSAR CAMPS AND ANY POSSIBLE ETHIOPIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO THE ANSARS AS TRUEST TEST OF SINCERITY. WHILE THERE SUSPICION ETHIOPIA PROVIDING SOME LIGHT WEAPONS TO ANSARS SUPPLIED BY LIBYA, SUDANESE HAVE NO CONCRETE EVIDENCE THIS ACTUAL CASE. SUDANESE ALSO CLOSELY WATCHING IRAQI POSITION ON ERITREA AND STILL GREATLY CONCERNED ABOUT INCREASING SOVIET PRESENCE IN ETHIOPIA. ETHIOPIAN EFFORTS AT RAPPROCHEMENT PROBABLY MOTIVATED BY DESIRE TO AMELIORATE ERITREAN SITUATION AS MUCH AS IS POSSIBLE FOR MOMENT, WHILE OGADEN CONFLICT REQUIRES SUCH LARGE AMOUNT OF ETHIOPIA'S RESOURCES.
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